GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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SAFETY OF MINES LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any amendments in the labour laws to provide safety to the labourers working in Mines and construction work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) the number of labourers who have fallen victims in Mine and construction accidents during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) to (c): With a view to ensure safety of workers in mines and construction work the Government had enacted the Mines Act, 1952 and the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulations of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. The provisions of the Act and Rules/Regulation framed thereunder, are reviewed as an ongoing process and necessary amendments have been incorporated for improving the safety of workers from time to time.

(d): State wise details of the miners who have fallen victims to mine accident during last three years is given below:-

State	No. of Miners killed in mine accidents		
	1999	2000	2001+
Andhra Pradesh	31	41	38
Arunanchal Pradesh	0	0	1
Assam	2	1	6
Bihar	46	1	0
Chhatisgarh	-	9	9
Goa	0	2	3
Gujarat	0	1	6
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	2
Haryana	8	1	4
Jharkhand	-	45	60
Jammu & Kashmir	1	0	0
Karnataka	9	4	7
Kerala	0	0	1
Meghalaya	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	39	27	18
Maharashtra	9	19	12
Orissa	14	9	13
Rajasthan	20	10	15
Tamil Nadu	5	5	9
Tripura	1	1	0
Uttranchal	-	1	1
Uttar Pradesh	1	4	1
West Bengal	24	18	21

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Similar state-wise information for construction workers is not available. The information in regard to such incidents in the Central Sphere is being collected.